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PRESIDENT DAVIS TAKES COVER OFF IN ADDRESSING
WEST VIRGINIA STATE GRADUATING CLASS

The West Virginia State college can rightfully boast of
having a HE man and WHOLE man at its head in the person of
Prof. John W. Davis, President of the West Virginia State
college. He was the orator of the day Monday at the Com-
mencement Exercises at Kimball. His address was conceded
to be one of the most able and timely ever heard throughout
this section. President Davis is without doubt one of the race's
most brilliant and practical educators of his race today. His
speech bristled with exposures of the rotten conditions existing
as never before seen by man.

WELCH DEMOCRATS TRYING TO FOOL NEGROES

The idea of Democrats in Welch, flying out on a wild-cat de-
ceptive Democratic Limb appealing to Negroes to vote the Demo-
cratic ticket in Welch because of a promise of giving Negroes a
Uniformed police officer for the Woodmont section of the city—
a colored section of the city. What in the hell does it mean that
you want to tell the Negro you are going to segregate him be-
fore you get him in power? What is wrong about the Negro
serving anywhere in the city? Why is it that white men can
serve all over the city and the Negro isn't good enough to serve
anywhere but in a Negro settlement of the city? That's the
cloven-footed meaning and discriminatory feeling of the Demo-
crats. Look it in the face, don't dodge the issue. That's the
policy of Democrats everywhere. Yes, the Democrats do not
want you Negroes. They want to use you to get in power and
then give you all the hell they can. You Negroes are good
enough to vote, fight the battles of the white man but not good
enough to hold any kind of office unless it's a servile one. Vote
the Republican ticket and hold your heads up—look the world
in the face and tell the cheap wishie-washie Negroes to go to
hell. Vote the Republican ticket.

HOW WILL THE NEGRO VOTE IN THE COMING
ELECTION? WHY?

These questions are posed in the minds of every Negro by
an article in today's Saturday Evening Post by Dr. Stanley High.
The article forms the second of a series of two in the Post.

Dr. High describes at length the formation of a "Negro Belt"
of voters, and explains the forces that swung a large portion of
voters from the Republican party to the Democratic rolls in 1936.
But that, says Dr. High, is no sure indication that the prepon-
derance of the Negro vote will again be Democratic in 1938 or '42.

According to Dr. High, the trend of the Negro vote is likely
to be dictated more by economic than political considerations.
In other words, he thinks that the Negro will vote for whatever
party seems most likely to give him the best economic breaks.

"The last three elections, and particularly 1936," he says,
"indicated that the Negroes are likely to continue to vote to-
gether. In 1936, they moved, bag and baggage, into the Demo-
cratic camp. But it is a long jump from that fact to the con-
clusion that they can be counted upon to park there indefinitely.
In view of what is stirring in the Northern Negro community,
it is exceedingly unlikely that the Negro voter can be counted on
to park anywhere indefinitely."

Behind this, says the author, is the new force of Negro
coalition, sponsored by such leaders as Walter White and A.
Philip Randolph. He proves his point by citing several in-
stances in Pittsburgh, St. Louis and elsewhere where Negroes
consolidate to their advantage.

An interesting sidelight of Dr. High's article is given in the
Keeping Posted page, a regular department of the Post, printed
on the last page. When Dr. High wrote the article, he men-
tioned a forthcoming movement of Harlem Negroes to persuade one
of New York City's big utility companies to employ more Negroes.
While the article was being printed, this threat of action came
to pass and was very successful. It was too late for the Editors
of the Post to change Dr. High's article, but they were able to
include notation of the new developments on the last page
of their magazine.

EDITORIAL — Common-sense, "want-
ing to be back home," will find the Negro voters, urged by their
wives, daughters, sons and sweet-hearts, rushing back home to
the Party of their choice. In fact no race on earth can or
would dare hold out long against their conscience to vote away
the blood-bought rights of citizenship to those who opposed
it and sought to keep a race group in political, industrial and
chattel slavery. While the negro race appreciates the friend-
ship shown him in many ways and on every side of the road,
the race is always in doubt about the next move.

BILBO ASK SENATE TO
DEPORT ALL NEGROES

Washington, June 2, (CNA)
— In a three-hour filibuster
speech against the Adminis-
tration's Relief Recovery Bill, Sen.
Theodore C. Bilbo of Mississippi,
advocated the deportation of
the 12,000,000 American-born
Negroes to Africa as an amend-
ment to the bill.

In typical fascist fashion the
Mississippi senator singled out
the Negro as the "goat" of the
depression the "cause" of the
economic breakdown contending
that there would be no unem-
ployment crisis in this country
but "for the presence of 12,000-
000 Negroes." Using govern-
ment figures showing 12,000,000
unemployed in the United States,
Bilbo argued that the depres-
sion would be automatically
ended by "firing these twelve
million Negroes back to Africa."

EDITORIALLY — Another
outburst of down-right Demo-
cratic Discrimination from Mis-
sissippi. Read what Bilbo of the
Southland—a rank, yea, rarker-
ous, misguided, conscienceless,
brainless, yea, a "scrambled
brained," bone-headed repre-
sentative, oh no, not representa-
tive, but rather an out of the
light of civilized "Misrepresenta-
tive from Mississippi," talk-
ing about deporting 12,000,000
American Negroes from this
country where they have given
their life blood for the Ameri-
can white man—made them of
the South rich for two hundred
fifty years. Ingratitude, my God,
wherein cold reason find lodging
place in the cranium of a man's
head like that of Bilbo?

How in the devil you dare
think of such an impossibility?
The government hasn't at its
command transportation facili-
ties to transport the Negroes
from this country as fast as
they are being born then how
in the devil could you ever de-
port this God-sent Negro race
from the land they have made
to blossom like a rose? Then if
there ever were any such a fool-
hardy movement-like that stated
we venture the prediction
that Bilbo would be one of the
city to board the first transport.
first outfits of human monstro-

DULCE ET DECORUM

Valor is triumphant over
death. Time does not dim the
luster of patriotic sacrifice. Our
flags today do not fly sadly at
half mast, but they wave glori-
ously over the graves of men
we honor.

For you have scaled the stary
heights of fame,
Nor ever shrank from peril or
distress:

Therefore your death, engirt
with loveliness,
Shall shine like beacon stars of
sacrifice.

Never in our history when
peace became impossible have we
shrank from war

Bear witness, Earth, we have
made our choice for Freedom's
brotherhood.

Not for conquest have we
fought. We have never march-
ed to battle behind a Napoleon
mad with the thirst for glory.
Twice we fought with Great
Britain. Long years of struggle
they were to decide whether we
should be free & independent
or should be a subject people, bow-
ing to the will of a king across
the sea. We fought among our-
selves over the question of
union or disunion. From that
dreadful war the Union emerged
united. We fought to drive the
Spanish from Cuba, ending an
age-long tyranny. And we fought
in the World War to support our
great ideals.

Today we do honor to all the
heroic dead. We scatter flowers
upon their graves and speak eul-
ogies in their praise. Our
country is their monument.
They preserved it. We weep as
we remember the gallant youths
whose devotion to America knew
no bounds. With the old Romans,
we say again:

Dulce et decorum est pro pa-
tria mori.

J. RUPPERT JEFFERSON
ADDRESSES BSTC GRADS

Exercises Held in City Auditor-
ium Last Tuesday Morning;
Forty-seven Students Given
Diplomas—Marks End of Term

The final exercises of Bluefield
State Teachers College were held
Tuesday morning in city auditor-
ium.

Forty-seven were given dip-
lomas. Principal J. Rupert Jef-
ferson of Parkersburg, address-
ed the graduates on the subject,
"The Two Pillars of Civiliza-
tion; Education and Religion." He
told the graduates that educa-
tion and religion were not
separate. He advised the stu-
dents as they have made their
start in life to have "faith, in-
telligence and courage."

Rev. J. S. Little offered the
invocation. Misses Ruby Hogan
and Alene Saunders sang, "Hark
to the Madolin," accompanied
by Mrs. L. L. Spencer.

Dean G. W. Whiting present-
ed the candidates for degrees to
Attorney Bernard McClougherty
of the State Board of Educa-
tion, who conferred degrees upon
the forty-seven graduates. The
choral sang "We Chant It," di-
rected by Prof. C. D. Reese.

Remarks and greetings were
made by Superintendent I. J. K.
Wells, secretary of the Negro
Board of Education.

President Dickason gave the
charge to the graduates, and ad-
vised them that if each of them
rendered service—that success
was sure.

The benediction was rendered
by A. L. Polk, and with Jene
Jones at the piano the audience
sang a song, "Bluefield State
Hymn," music and words by
Jene Jones.

Always Ready Club Holds Nice
Meeting Sunday Afternoon

The "Always Ready" Club of
this city, recently organized by
and for the benefit of better
conditions in and around the city
of Keystone, hoping also to be
a substantial help in making
social life worthwhile and at the
same time be a strengthening
aid to the church, met in the
Presbyterian church Sunday
afternoon with almost a full at-
tendance of its membership.
They at once got right down to
business, talked about business
matters and solidly agreed to a
unit that each member would
from now on make himself a
committee to help route and drive
to the wall all thieves in this city
and would watch every oppor-
tunity to try to make the com-
munity better by taking a more
active part in the political and
social life of the city. This club
through its membership are an
unit on better church attendance
and support. Little Jesse Woot-
en, Rector, and Mr. Edwards,
Assistant, were at their posts
of duty with John Henry Irvin,
Secretary, and Moses Miller,
Assistant Secretary—the latter
acting in the of the Secretary.
Treasurer William Wooten, as
usual, was johnny-on-the-spot
and all wide-awake, ready and
enthusiastic about their duties.
The second and fourth Sunday
afternoons hereafter were agreed
upon for the regular meet-
ings, to begin at 1:00 o'clock.
Further it was agreed that the
meetings were to last never
longer than an hour and fifteen
minutes.

PENNSYLVANIA LEADING—
(Continued from Page One)

Chairman John Hamilton, of
the Republican National com-
mittee, said, in a statement, that
the results pointed to "certain
victory" for his party in the
Pennsylvania fall election.

"For the New Deal and all its
radical and crack-brain allies"
the Pennsylvania results consti-
tute the handwriting on the wall,
he said.

F. J. Moore, many years an of-
ficer and Chief of Police of Key-
stone has just returned from the
hospital where he underwent an
operation which proved a suc-
cess. He has returned to his
home looking hale, hearty and
happy.

KELLY MILLER SAYS:-

NOTE: Through oversight,
"The establishment of a Negro
Museum at Howard University,"
in our last issue was not credited
to Mr. Miller, we wish to make it
known Mr. Miller is the author
of that most excellent article.

CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL A
POLITICAL SYMBOL

The Congressional Record of
April 27 contains an address by
Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell
in which he accounts his ex-
periences as the first Negro
Democrat in the House of Re-
presentatives. He tells us in his
address, "When I entered the
Congress there were grave mis-
givings in the minds of thou-
sands of our citizens as to how
I would be received by the mem-
bers of my own party, and there
were many expressions uttered
by men in high positions to the
effect that my presence in the
Congress would mean nothing
insofar as helping the race.

They claimed that the party of
which I was a member was so
steeped in prejudice and hatred
toward and from the Negro that
not only would my presence in
the Congress be looked upon with
suspicion by a large number of
colleagues on the Democratic
side of the House but that it
would be impossible for me to
enlist the sympathy, the good
will and the cooperation of these
men in any effort I might put
forth in the interest of my own
group." He also tells us that, his
opponents in his first congress-
ional campaign had him photo-
graphed being caged off from
the other members of the House
on the Democratic side. It is
not necessary for Mr. Mitchell to
assure us that all of the predic-
tions were belied by his experi-
ences, for we read in the Congress-
ional Record and in the daily
papers, that this newcomer was
received by his Democratic col-
leagues both from the North &
the South with all the courtesy
and civilities to which a member
of Congress is entitled. He has
submitted and advocated mea-
sures for the benefit of his race
comparable with the efforts of
any of his Negro Republican
predecessors.

Arthur W. Mitchell, is a poli-
tical symbol typifying the tran-
sition of the Negro's alliance
from the Republican to the
Democratic party. Politically
speaking all Negroes were born
in the Republican Household of
faith. The idea of the black
man's citizenship and enfran-
chisement was conceived in the
mind of the Grand Old Party, in
the days of its enthusiasm for
freedom and equality. The four-
teenth Amendment conferred
upon the Negro the rights of
citizenship and safeguarded his
privileges and immunities ag-
ainst the invasion of the states.
This lies at the foundation of all
that the Negro is or can hope
to be as a political entity.

At first the Negro embraced
the faith with zeal and enthu-
siasm of the new convert. The
Republican creed constituted his
political orthodoxy. Any devia-
tion therefrom was unforgive-
able heresy. Apostasy from the
faith was vitified with maledic-
tion akin to excommunication.
All Negro Republicans were as-
signed a place in Abraham's
bosom, the erring brethren
were relegated to the region
that burneth with brimstone and
fire. Only so recently as the last
presidential campaign, a "pro-
fervid" Republican orator rose
to remark that all Negro Demo-
crats would wake up and find
their proper place in hell.

During these latter years the
Negro has bolted to the Demo-
cratic party with something of a
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THE SMOKE HOUSE
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Pleasure Resort

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N. B. CASH, Prop.

Second door from Spector's
Drug Store

Sunday School's New officers
Make Very Fine Impression

Sunday School last Sunday at
the Presbyterian church under
new official management and
directorship merited cause for
renewed hope that the work is
and can be put to activities such
as will have the community to
know that there is reality in
church and Sunday School work.
Mrs. Ida E. Whittico, the newly
selected superintendent and
Miss Lucille Drewery, teacher
for the senior class, with
Brother Edwards teaching one
of the primary classes created
and so excellently handled their
work that it made everyone feel
good at the work. The attend-
ance was larger than usual. Rev.
Mr. Davis, pastor, was apparant-
ly very much pleased at the
harmony and cooperation shown
by all present. Sunday School
every Sunday, beginning prompt-
ly at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. and it
never lasts longer than one hour

and ten minutes. Tell the
mothers of the meetings and the
good to be derived and instead
of sending your children, get up,
dress yourselves and accompany
your children to the House of
the Lord, and take part in the
worship.

NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. George Brown, of Kimball,
known by the boys all over the
county as George Brown, "the
Naked Rooster", retired rail-
road man of 30 years service
with the N. & W. railway co.,
was in the city of Keystone Mon-
day of this week. Mr. Brown is
preparing for his trip through-
out the north and east for a 10
day's vacation.

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